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Seminar

The Top 10 Things Paralegals Should Know When Handling A Criminal Case

***Includes .5 units of
ethics MCLE and 1.5
units of general law
MCLE***

Empire College ,
Room 211
3035 Cleveland Ave. ,
Santa Rosa
Wed.
Feb. 8, 2012

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
(Dinner Included)

President's Message

By [Trudy McQuiddy](#), CP, REAP President

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President again in 2012. I look forward to another great year with REAP. Please also welcome the other members of this year's Board of Directors: Michelle Morris, Vice President; Kim Davis, Secretary; Ginger Orosco, Treasurer; and Monica Lehre, CP, CAPA Primary. Assisting the board in various committee positions are Susan Demers, Debbie Cain and Suzanne Murphy (Education Committee); Patti Tate (Special Projects); Jeff DiCello (Membership/Newsletter/Facebook); and Grace De La Torre (SCBA Liaison). If I've left anyone out, I apologize, but please know that your efforts are appreciated!

I want to thank Joni Boucher, who served as SCBA Liaison for REAP over the past decade. Joni's efforts on behalf of REAP include representing REAP on the SCBA Board, authoring articles for the SCBA *Bar Briefs* highlighting the paralegal profession, attending and volunteering for numerous seminars and special events annually together with recruiting REAP members for volunteer opportunities; creating and presenting seminars on paralegal utilization and Business & Professions Code 6450, and always being on the alert for opportunities to educate attorneys about paralegals, both formally and informally.

If you have not done so already, please consider renewing your REAP membership for 2012. I've gained so much throughout my career through my membership in this organization. REAP provides me the opportunity to meet and befriend paralegals in Sonoma County (and through my efforts with CAPA, from throughout California). These friendships provide an opportunity to share information and learn from other paralegals. For those of you working in a solo or small firm, REAP connections can provide you the opportunity to discuss the details of your job with other paralegals who can relate to your situation or offer advice on how to handle tasks in unfamiliar areas of law. I encourage each and every one of you to reach out to other paralegals in our community. Paralegals who have offered to be mentors in specific areas of law are listed in this newsletter; feel free to contact them, or to contact me, with any questions or issues you may have. If we don't have the answer, we may be able to help you find it through our local and statewide contacts.



CAPA Corner

By Marcia Kossman
Empire Paralegal Student

LEADERSHIP PROPAGATION 101

REAP and CAPA (The California Alliance of Paralegal Associations) hosted their 8th bi-annual leadership conference, "The Pick of the Vine - GROWING STRONG Leadership," at Empire College on Saturday, November 5, 2011, to strengthen their knowledge base and earn MCLE credit through the various seminars offered at the conference.

The city of Santa Rosa, still able to support a plethora of non-profit corporations and local charities, was the perfect venue for a seminar entitled "Is Your Organization Compliant?" This was a great presentation that provided essential information on non-profit organization formation, maintenance, and best-practice operating procedures. Presenters Catherine J. Banti, Esq. and Marilyn G. Kittleson, Esq., from Anderson, Zeigler, Disharoon, Gallagher and Gray, provided information for those who work with non-profits or plan to construct or maintain a non-profit in the future. Participants were also provided with excellent reference materials and offered "Three Cups of Tea" as controversy to stimulate their consciences.

Cate Griffiths, Executive Director of RECURSE Mediation Services; provided an interesting, educational, and humorous presentation on Conflict Management. The practical tips offered by Cate included strategies for reaching organizational goals while dealing with an array of personalities.

Keynote Speaker, Michele T. Pfeiffer, CLA, spoke on MCLE compliance to ensure proper credit for program attendees, and the importance of following state bar procedures. She also offered

advice on selecting relevant topics to enhance your presentations.

Rita Deo Barber, Lt. Gov. of Marketing for District 4 Toastmasters International, provided a dynamic presentation on overcoming public speaking anxiety entitled, "Glossophobia, Only Snakes Are Scariest." The audience was surprised to learn that it was a participative workshop that engaged them in enhancing their public speaking skills. Exemplifying the qualities of leaders, the seminar participants accepted the challenge.

REAP President Trudy McQuiddy closed the event by presenting "Building a Better Board," tackling another sensitive and necessary subject. Trudy also penned an article on the legal requirements of raffles and auctions titled "Fundraising Fundamentals" in this month's RECAP. The well-written article will certainly spur fund-raising committee chairs to proceed with greater caution, particularly with respect to the popular "50-50" raffle. The article also provides links for further information on these issues.

A reception was held at the Hilton immediately after the seminar that provided a networking opportunity for the attendees of the seminar - the current, and future leaders of our profession.

As always, if you have any questions regarding CAPA benefits, you can contact Trudy McQuiddy at tmcquiddy@senefflaw.com, or Monica Lehre, CP, REAP's CAPA Primary Representative, at mlehre@empirecollege.com.

In addition, please feel free to peruse the [CAPA website](#). As a member of REAP, you are automatically a CAPA member.

Smart Phone Apps for Legal Professionals

By [Jeff DiCello](#), REAP Record Editor



Almost everyone has a smart phone these days and it seems as if there is a smart phone application (“app”) for almost anything you could ever want to do. With this in mind, I have compiled a list of popular and useful smart phone apps that may be of interest to lawyers and paralegals.

Android Phone Apps

DroidLaw

Price: Free

[Purchase Link](#)

DroidLaw is a legal reference mobile application that includes federal rules of:

- Civil Procedure
- Evidence
- Appellate Procedure
- Criminal Procedure
- Bankruptcy Procedure

Additional DroidLaw add-ons available in the Android market for free or for a fee. DroidLaw, above, must be installed first. See below:

DroidLaw Add-ons

Droid Law Legal Dictionary

Price: Free

[Purchase Link](#)

U.S. Constitution

Price: Free

[Purchase Link](#)

United States Code

Price: \$14.99

[Purchase Link](#)

U.S. Supreme Court Cases

Price: \$9.99

[Purchase Link](#)

California Penal Code

Price: \$1.99

[Purchase Link](#)

California Vehicle Code

Price: \$1.99

[Purchase Link](#)

California Evidence Code

Price: \$1.99

[Purchase Link](#)

California Constitution

Price: Free

[Purchase Link](#)

California Code of Civil Procedure

Price: \$1.99

[Purchase Link](#)

TimeClock-Time Tracker

Price: \$3.99

[Purchase Link](#)

Features:

- Track start and end times of tasks
- Set hourly rate per client
- Calculate total earnings
- Export/transfer data to spreadsheet
- Create invoices

Paralegal and Pocket Legal Guide and Prep

Price: (\$2.99)

[Purchase Link](#)

Features:

- Learn 500 definitions, concepts, & Latin legal terms used by paralegals

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Smart Phone Apps (continued)

- Learn 500 commonly used legal definitions, concepts, and Latin legal terms important for paralegals
- Prepare for the CLA (Certified Legal Assistant) exam
- Includes multiple choice quiz, flashcards, & dictionary
- Send quiz report card to email
- Text message a quiz to a friend

Apps For iPhones and Android Phones

PocketJustice

Price: Free (Limited)

Purchase Links: [iPhone](#) | [Android](#)

Features:

- Case info/audio re SCOTUS constitutional law cases
- Free version contains info on top 100 con law cases
- Premium version allows access to 600+ cases.
- Let's you send notable cases to friends via email, Facebook and Twitter.

iPhone Only Apps

Black's Law Dictionary, 9th Edition

Price: \$54.99

[Purchase Link](#)

Features:

- Most widely cited law book in the world
- 45,000 terms/3,000 quotations
- Search feature
- Integrates with WestLaw log-in

Apple Web Apps

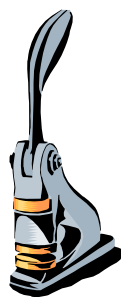
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

Price: Free/[Purchase Link](#)

Federal Rules of Evidence

Price: Free/
[Purchase Link](#)

Become a Notary in a Day at SRJC



[California State Notary Public: Test Preparation and Review](#)

Saturday, January 28, 2012

8 am to 4pm

Optional Test: Same day 4 to 6 pm

Juror Tweet/Facebook Ban

By [Jeff DiCello](#), REAP Record Editor

Some are calling it the “Tweet ban” or the “Facebook ban,” but by whatever name, starting January 1, it will be illegal for jurors in criminal and civil cases to use any form of electronic and wireless communication to conduct research, disseminate information, converse with, or permit themselves to be addressed by, any other person on any subject of the trial.

The new laws were inspired by the conduct of a juror in a 2008 Sacramento County five-defendant gang murder trial. After the trial was over, it was discovered that the juror had been posting regular updates on the trial to his Facebook page.

All five of the defendants in the Sacramento case were eventually convicted, but the “Facebooking” juror’s actions have provided fodder for the defendants on appeal.

Before the trial began, the Sacramento County juror was not told that his online posts were improper or that there would be consequences for posting online.

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Juror Tweet Ban (continued)

As of January 1, all jurors will be made aware of the consequences, as judges will now be required to admonish jurors to forgo any online research or chatter on Facebook or Twitter. The penalty for ignoring the instruction will be contempt of court charges, punishable by jail time.

This is probably a case of the court system not keeping up with advances in technology. There have been cases of criminal trial jurors Googling information about the case they were judging, but few, if any cases involving jurors writing online about their trial experience.

The practice is objectionable because it increases the chance of sitting jurors, who are supposed to be impartial, to being contacted by outsiders with improper comments and opinions about the case.

Karen Ginn, a jury consultant in Walnut Creek, said she has noticed an increase in the number of prospective jurors admitting in pretrial questionnaires they would not be able to resist the urge to research a case online.

Some jury consultants, including Ginn, and attorneys already monitor, but do not "friend," jurors with public Facebook pages during trials for signs of improper activity.

Some court observers fear that the new laws will give jurors another excuse to dodge their civic duty. "First it was, 'I can't be on this jury because I can't be fair,' " Ginn said. "Then it went to, 'I have nonrefundable plane tickets.' Now it can be, 'I'm going to Google,' " Ginn recently told a Bay Area newspaper.

The changes to the law can be found in Penal Code, §§ [166](#), [1122](#), and [1128](#); and Code of Civil Procedure, §§ [611](#), [613](#), and [1209](#).



Empire/ELSA News

By, Monica Lehre, CP
Legal Dept. Head, Empire College

ELSA (Empire Legal Student Association)

At Empire College's January 16th graduation ceremony at the Wells Fargo Center, the REAP Outstanding Student Award was given to Chelsea Treis. Chelsea is the liaison between Empire's paralegal student association and REAP. She was recently named Student of the Month out of all of the students currently attending Empire and she is a LEX Paralegal Honor Society student.

At Empire's graduation, ELSA evening students sold purple leis to the families of the graduates as a fund-raiser.

ELSA will be having elections soon for a new board for day members. Thank you outgoing board members: President – Abby Cacho, Vice President – Pamela Biagio, Secretary – Sarah Montgomery, Treasurer Kelly McGrath. We appreciate your service to ELSA.

CLA/CP Exam

The NALA CLA/CP exam will be given January 26 and 27 at Empire College. REAP plans to host a workshop in February for those paralegals interested in taking the exam in May.



REAP Membership Report

REAP welcomes the following new and returning members this quarter:

Kari Williams	Janice Ashley	Clary E. Garay	Debra Winters
Lynn D. Benoit	Carol Burchard	Loreen Dold	Vicki McConkey
Sarah Evans	Deana Hopper	Donna Ciccolini	Vanessa Yassine
Gregory "Shafiq" Spanos	Peter J. Steiner	Kerri Futch	Penn Lardner
Janet Jefferson	Chelsea Treis	Jeff DiCello	Emilee Saltzer
Gretchen Lessnau	Kelly Candau	Lucia Fincher	Jennie N. Madden
Christina Carreon	Alejandra Valdez	Monica Verdias	Derinda Hinkle
Janet Anderson	Gailyn McGrath Cossey	Patti Tate	Lisa Goben
Dorothy Shaw	Erick C. Beall	Win Rogers	Mahyra Mirante
Cathy Kisler Caravantes			

REAP Membership Information

1. Voting Member (dues: \$42.00 per year). Voting members are defined as qualified paralegals by education or valid declaration. REAP membership application: [Click Here](#)

2. Associate/Non-Voting Member (dues: \$30.00 per year). Associate/non-voting members are defined as attorneys or paralegal educators.

3. Student Member/Non-Voting Member (dues: \$20.00 per year). Student/non-voting members are defined as current paralegal students.

4. Sustaining/Non-Voting Member (dues \$50.00 per year). Sustaining/non-voting members are defined as individuals, law firms and companies that endorse and promote the paralegal profession.

Membership Period: REAP's bylaws provide that the REAP membership period is from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year. **Full Amt. Due:** The full amount of dues must be paid when joining REAP, regardless of date of application. First time (new) members joining after Sept. 1 retain their membership until Dec. 31 of the year following sign up.

Due Date: Renewal memberships are due Jan. 1 and become delinquent on April 1, at which time membership is terminated. If past members reinstate after April 1, they are not treated as new members under this agreement.

Voting Eligibility: Only active members in good standing 45 days before the annual or special meeting shall have been called to order shall be qualified to vote at membership meetings or upon other matters coming to the members for action.

Who Cannot Vote: No active member who is delinquent in the payment of any dues or other assessments shall be qualified to vote. In no event shall student, sustaining or associate members vote.

Helpful Legal Links & Articles



Links collected by Celia C. Elwell, RP

About Celia Elwell: *Celia C. Elwell is an Adjunct Professor of Legal Assistant Education at the University of Oklahoma Law Center. Ms. Elwell is co-author of [Practical Legal Writing for Legal Assistants](#).*

Litigation Tips & Techniques

Essential Apps for Trial, by Robert Ambrogi, Bullseye Blog <http://bit.ly/vY8LjR>

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New Year...Fresh Start

By Vicki Voisin

As 2012 begins, it's tempting to make resolutions for the New Year. Organize your office? Increase your billable hours? Lose weight? Be on time for work? Sit for a certification exam?

Whatever you have in mind, read on...
It's common knowledge that resolutions rarely work. All those good intentions seem to fall by the wayside by the middle of January...all that's left are guilt and regret that once again you're not able to keep your resolutions. By next December you'll be making the same resolutions all over again.

It's time to change the pattern. Resolutions don't work because they're usually a very broad statement: This year I'll lose 20 pounds. This year I'll learn to speak French. This year I'll look for a new job. You've got the want down...you know what you *want* to do. The problem is, you're only looking at the big picture.

Instead of making resolutions, set goals. A goal is something you commit to fully and work toward all year long. Take a few minutes right now to visualize your top three goals for 2012. Then write those goals down on a paper.

Make a plan. Once your goals are set, decide what you have to do to reach each one and then plan each step toward your goal from beginning to end. For instance, if you want to learn French this year your first step might be to search for a class. The next step might be to enroll in the class. The next step might be to buy your your study materials. The next steps would be to attend each class and do your homework.

Do you see how each step you take helps you

reach your end goal? This process will work for any goal you might want to reach.

Take this one step further. Schedule each step in your planner...make an actual appointment. This ensures you will set aside the time to accomplish each step. Don't make the mistake of putting the steps on 'to do' lists because a 'to do' list is just a wish list and you will invariably run out of day before you run out of list. The 'to do' list just goes on and on. Your planner is a real guide for accomplishing your goals.

Your challenge: Plan to make 2012 your best year ever. Take a few minutes to set your goals. Break the goals down into achievable mini-goals. Decide when each mini-goal must be accomplished to reach the main goal by the end of the year. Enter those mini-goals in your planner. Make appointments with yourself for completing each one.

If you do your planning and then do your scheduling, you can accomplish absolutely anything you want and this time next year you'll be celebrating the fact that you actually reached your goals.

About the Author:

Vicki Voisin, "The Paralegal Mentor," delivers simple strategies for paralegals and other professionals to create success and satisfaction by achieving goals and determining the direction they will take their careers.

Vicki spotlights resources, organizational tips, ethics issues, and other areas of continuing education to help paralegals and others reach their full potential. She publishes a bi-weekly e-zine titled [Strategies for Paralegals Seeking Excellence](#).

Visit Vicki's website at:
<http://www.paralegalmentor.com>



Continuing Legal Education

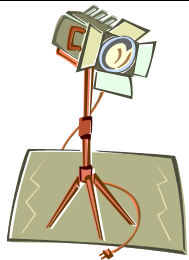
By [Jeff DiCello](#), REAP Record Editor

As most paralegals know, [Bus. & Prof. Code sec. 6470\(d\)](#) requires that paralegals complete mandatory continuing legal education to maintain their status as paralegals.

Specifically, every two years, paralegals must complete four hours of ethics and four hours in general or specialized law. Paralegals must certify completion of these educational requirements to their supervising attorney, and are responsible for maintaining their own records in this regard.

It is not always easy to maintain these educational requirements. Many paralegals lament that their employers do not pay for these required courses. It is also sometimes difficult to find un-person CLE outside of major metropolitan areas. While these concerns are understandable, they are not valid excuses.

Employers can help in this regard by paying for paralegal CLE. The emergence of online CLE can make it easier to acquire one's CLE credits. To keep track of your CLE, use this [log](#). The log can also be used to certify to your employer that you are in compliance with CLE requirements. The [Sonoma County Bar Association](#) sponsors several CLE seminars each year. For more information on these upcoming seminars, see our [calendar](#).



Spotlight on Local MCLE Educational Opportunities

Title	Date/Time	Location
The Top 10 Things Paralegals Should Know When Handling A Criminal Case Includes .5 units of ethics MCLE and 1.5 units of general law MCLE	Wed. Feb. 8, 2012 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm (Dinner Included)	Empire College , Room 211 3035 Cleveland Ave. , Santa Rosa

Elwell's Links (continued from page 6)

Local Rules, Forms and Guidelines of United States District Courts Addressing E-Discovery Issues, by K&L Gates Electronic Discovery Law Blog <http://bit.ly/wCsiY8>

Legal Writing and Research

Posner Opinion Includes Ostrich Photo to Portray Lawyers Who Ignore Precedent, by Debra Cassens Weiss, ABA Journal (with hat tip to Bill Statsky) <http://bit.ly/ttL2om>

Court Rules About Typography http://www.typographyforlawyers.com/?page_id=2254

Fifty Writing Tools: Quick List, Poynter <http://bit.ly/etotEw>

Legal Analysis and Writing, Grammar & Writing Resources, Lewis & Clark Law School <http://bit.ly/slfci0>

REAP 2011 in Review

By [Trudy McQuiddy](#), CP, REAP President

Your membership enabled us to accomplish so much in 2011. Here are the highlights:

- In the spring, REAP sponsored seminars on elder law, wrongful termination, enforcing judgments and also held a CLA exam preparation workshop.
- REAP awarded a scholarship for registration and attendance at the June 2011 CAPA Education Conference to a working paralegal. The scholarship covered the registration fee and travel expenses associated with attending the program.
- In May, four REAP members earned their CLA designations.
- In June REAP awarded three scholarships in honor of Susan I. Perry Scholarship to Meghan Stafford, Gretchen Reisch, and Marla Pfohl.
- In October, REAP sponsored its annual ethics seminar.
- We created and distributed four top-quality newsletters to our members.
- We held our first "Get Fit with REAP" walk around Spring Lake, which resulted in a group forming to regularly walk together. We will be hosting more walking dates in 2012.
- We have sent out numerous leads for current paralegal job openings to our members.
- We have created and maintained a Facebook page to better communicate with our members and the community.
- Our mentors have provided assistance to paralegals in our community in the areas of family law and litigation.

- Our liaison to the Sonoma County Bar Association successfully obtained a student rate for attendance at SCBA seminars, and represents the interests of REAP as an affiliate member of the SCBA.
- We have representatives on the board of directors of the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations which provides us a link to what is happening in the paralegal profession around the state of California, as well as the ability to connect our members with paralegals in other communities who can assist with questions about local courts throughout the state.
- As a member of the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations, we hosted a very successful Leadership Conference, together with the November meeting of the board of directors of CAPA.

A Look Ahead to 2012

We have many exciting plans for 2012. In the coming year, our plans include:

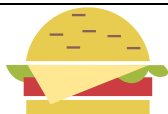
- A [seminar on criminal law](#) for paralegals on February 8;
- A seminar on the recent changes regarding transgender law in California and discrimination in early May;
- A seminar on construction defects in late March;
- Our annual two-hour ethics seminar in October;
- Awarding three more scholarships for paralegal students; and
- Co-hosting the CAPA Education Conference on June 23 in Sacramento.



REAP/Legal Community Event Calendar

REAP encourages its members to attend its own educational seminars and those sponsored by the Sonoma County Bar Association (SCBA). For more information on upcoming REAP events (in red below), contact REAP's educational committee [Monica Lehre](#). For information on REAP and SCBA seminars, you can refer to our legal event calendar, below. For more information about any event held at or sponsored by the Sonoma County Bar Association, please call 542-1190 or visit their [website](#).

Event	Date/Time	Location
New Laws and Forms for 2012	Wed. Jan. 18, 2012 11:45 am to 1:30 pm	Sonoma Co. Bar Association 37 Old Courthouse Sq. Santa Rosa
Recent Developments in Labor & Employment Law	Thurs. Jan. 26, 2012 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Sonoma Co. Bar Association 37 Old Courthouse Sq. Santa Rosa
REAP Social Mixer No Host Bar	Fri. Jan. 27, 2012 5:30 pm to 7: 00 pm	Stout Brothers 527 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa
Stress, Depression & Substance Abuse	Tues. Jan. 31, 2012 11:45 am to 1:00 pm	Sonoma Co. Bar Association 37 Old Courthouse Sq. Santa Rosa
Family Law New Forms & Rules for 2012	Thurs. Feb. 12, 2012 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm	Fountaingrove Inn, Hotel & Conference Center 101 Fountaingrove Parkway Santa Rosa
The Top 10 Things Paralegals Should Know When Handling A Criminal Case	Wed. Feb. 8, 2012 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm (Dinner Included)	Empire College , Room 211 3035 Cleveland Ave. , Santa Rosa
Civil Litigation & Trial Update	Wed. Feb. 15, 2012 3:45 pm to 6:00 pm	Sonoma Co. Bar Association 37 Old Courthouse Sq. Santa Rosa
CEQA Update	Wed. Mar. 7, 2012 11:45 am to 1:30 pm	Sonoma Co. Bar Association 37 Old Courthouse Sq. Santa Rosa
Organizing & Managing Documents in the Law Office	Thurs. Mar. 29, 2012 3:45 pm to 7:00 pm	Sonoma Co. Bar Association 37 Old Courthouse Sq. Santa Rosa



Paralegal Lunches

2nd Tuesday of each month

Each month, paralegals working in or near downtown Santa Rosa area meet informally for lunch. You do not have to be a REAP member to attend. These informal lunches are a great way to meet other members who work near you.

When: Normally the second Tuesday of each month.

Time: Noon to 1:00 PM. We are in and out in one hour so you can get back to work on time.

Where: At a restaurant in the downtown Santa Rosa area. E-mail reminders with the exact location are sent to REAP members a few days before the event. Information is also posted on the [REAP Facebook page](#).

How Much Does It Cost? There's no fixed cost; each member pays his/her own check and decides what to order and spend.



About REAP

REAP was established in 1981 under the name Redwood Empire Legal Assistants (RELA) as a professional and educational organization for legal assistants and paralegals.

Mailing Address & Membership Application

REAP
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[Membership Application](#)



New Laws for 2012

By [Jeff DiCello](#), REAP Record Editor

California Gay Bullying Law (Seth's Law)

Requires school districts to have a uniform process for dealing with gay bullying complaints. Mandates that school personnel intervene if they witness gay bullying.

California National Popular Vote Law

All of California's 55 electoral votes will ultimately go to the winner of the popular vote in U.S. presidential elections.

Shark Fins

It will now be illegal to sell or distribute shark fins, a Chinese delicacy, due to the rampant slaughter of sharks.

Alcoholic Beverages and Self-Checkout

Shoppers will no longer be able to purchase alcoholic beverages at grocery store self-checkout lanes.

Open Carry Ban

Makes it a misdemeanor to possess an exposed and unloaded handgun in a public place.

Minor Cough Medicine Sale Ban

Prohibits selling over-the-counter cold and cough medications containing Dextromethorphan (DXM) to minors.

Anti-School Disruption

Makes it illegal to disrupt students as they enter or leave schools. Law was inspired by Court of Appeals ruling that an anti-abortion group had First Amendment right to display large photos of

aborted fetuses during a 2003 demonstration outside a California middle school.

Car Impound Prohibition

Prevents local police from being able to impound vehicles at sobriety checkpoints if the driver's only offense is being an unlicensed driver and a responsible, sober and licensed driver can take possession of vehicle or vehicle can be parked legally.

Traffic Ticket Amnesty

Enables drivers with older, unpaid traffic tickets to benefit from a six month window in which they will owe just half of the amount of the original fine.

Tanning Bed Prohibition

Makes California the first state in the nation to make it illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to use tanning beds unless they have a specific note from a doctor indicating that they have a medical need or necessity to use a tanning bed for skin conditions, disease or malady.

Jailhouse Snitches

Requires that prosecutors corroborate claims that a cellmate confessed to a crime. Under this new law, testimony by a jailhouse informant will no longer be enough to convict a suspect as it has in the past.

White Line Fever

Vehicles will be prohibited from crossing double parallel solid white lines except where permitted.

Car Booster Seats

Kids must be buckled into booster seats in vehicles until they turn eight or grow to a height of 4'9".

Caffeinated Beer Ban

Bans sale of beer products containing caffeine.

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